

Special Note: The following is a summary of the Minutes taken from the Regional Business Development Advisory Council meeting held on June 14, 2012, and does not necessarily provide a detailed verbatim transcription of the Minutes.

## **MINUTES**

### **REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, June 14, 2012, 8:00 A.M.**

**Clark County Government Center**

**500 S. Grand Central Parkway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Training Room 3**

**Las Vegas, NV 89155**

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#### **Members Present:**

**Kenyatta Lewis, MGM Resorts International - Chair**

**Yolanda Jones, Clark County Purchasing & Contracts – Vice Chair**

**Amy Shaw, Clark County Department of Aviation**

**Cristina Lopez, Southern Nevada Water Authority**

**Dianne Fontes, Nevada Minority Supplier Development Council (Represented by Jane Lee)**

**Frederick James, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Represented by Floresto Cabias)**

**James P. Lopez, Hispanic Business Roundtable**

**Kathy Rainey, City of Las Vegas**

**Mark Cahill, College of Southern Nevada**

**Mary Huff, Las Vegas Valley Water District**

**Raven Gilmore, N.A.W.B.O.**

**Penny Marchell, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority**

**Sherrie Mayden, UNLV**

**Shelia Thompson, City of North Las Vegas**

#### **Legal Counsel:**

**Mark Wood, Clark County District Attorney's Office (Represented by Yolanda Givens)**

#### **Members Absent:**

**Rudy Malfabon, Nevada Department of Transportation (Secretary)**

**Bramby Tollen, Clark County School District**

**Jackie Ingram, Urban Chamber of Commerce**

**Jeanine Pitts-Dilworth, Clark County Regional Flood Control**

**Jesse Waite, Southern Nevada Health District**

**Jim Haining, UMC**

**Kim Grantham, Clark County Water Reclamation District**

**Larry Vierra, Nevada Small Business Development Center**

**Linda Poling, City of Henderson**

**Lydia Bilynsky, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada**

**Napoleon McCallum, Venetian Hotel & Casino**

**Robert Brewer, Southwest Gas Corporation**

**Wanda Becket, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority**

#### **Guests:**

**Juliette Ozols, N.A.W.B.O.**

**Pamela Ditmars, City of North Las Vegas**

**I. Call to Order**

**Kenyatta Lewis**, Chair, called the RBDAC meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

**II. Opening Ceremonies**

Silent Invocation was conducted followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Certification of Compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law**

It was announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. The meeting was appropriately posted at the appropriate locations as listed at the bottom of the agenda.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of the March 22, 2012, Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were unanimously approved with corrections on the spelling of Ms. Shelia Thompson name on item 4, public comments. Also, the City of North Las Vegas Vendor Expo was on April 18<sup>th</sup> not the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Report on responses from Members of Letter sent by Chair**

**Shelia Thompson** reported that she contacted the members that were not present at the previous three RBDAC meetings based on the sign-in sheets. She stated that the alternate for Southwest Gas is JD Calhoun, for UMC will be Jim Haining, and Urban Chamber alternate is Jackie Ingram. Shelia also called the Regional Housing Authority but the telephone and fax numbers were not in working order.

**Kenyatta** stated that the Asian Chamber will meet with their Board and let us know if they will continue to be represented on RBDAC.

The Council accepted the report.

**C. Removal of Non-Participating Members**

**Kenyatta** stated that the organizations that the Council removed were those that were inactive volunteered members. Those organizations included the Asian Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Latin Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), and NV Energy.

There was a motion to remove the non-participating members.

**Mary Huff** seconds the motion.

**D. 2012 Proposed RBDAC Goals**

**Kenyatta Lewis** stated the executive team of RBDAC met and discussed what the best goal would be for RBDAC to focus on. They talked about the creation of a subcommittee that would focus on AB 7.

Also, RBDAC would review the Bill Draft Request (BDRs) for each of the entities, which are requests or changes that you submit to the Legislature, to either support or stay neutral on those items to further the business development of disadvantaged businesses within the community.

**Yoli Jones** said that they are asking for an individual to lead the subcommittee to identify the legislative issues that are of interest to RBDAC and determine whether to communicate opposition or support to the Legislature. In addition, they will look at policies, programs and procedures that support RBDAC and obtaining those goals or that inhibit RBDAC from achieving those goals.

**Kathy Rainey** asked if the subcommittee will review the BDRs as they are released. **Yoli** said as they are released. **Kathy** thinks that they need an email list where the council can share their position so they can be prepared to testify. She thinks it is a great idea to have communication on what the bills are. **Yoli** agrees that there needs to be an email system.

**Penny Marchell** suggested that the NPPSC (Nevada Public Purchasing Study Commission) group and RBDAC could meet together because they are focusing on the discussion of bills. **Kathy** said the NPPSC reviews and lists the bills, the subject matter and lists a synopsis of what the BDR is about.

**Penny** volunteered to chair the subcommittee that would work on the (BDRs). It will be posted on the agenda for approval at the next meeting

#### **E. Creation of Legislative Subcommittee to work on recommendations to AB 7**

**Yoli** explained that AB 7 is chapter 7 in the statutes and it was created in 2003. The intent was to have a Regional Business Development Advisory Council to outreach to the local and disadvantaged businesses. It was created to bring together the public and private sector and non-profits to come up with a plan on what could be done to maintain local businesses and outreach to the disadvantaged businesses. **Yoli** stated that it is the Council's goal is to submit their minority statistics to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) that includes information on how the entities are doing local business, what is the hiring impact and the discretionary and non-discretionary percentages. In the past, Clark County has taken the lead in getting all the information together. As the Chair of the Committee, **Kenyatta** will have to do the transmittal letter. She stated that that the Council needs to start working on the statistics in order to submit the report to the LCB on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Kathy Rainey** mentioned that there are boundaries in the way all the entities collected their data. Some of the agencies did not capture the disabled category because it was within their organizations. **Kenyatta Lewis** thinks the Council needs to track the disabled veterans going into business because it is a huge business segment and it should be included even if some of the agencies do not track it, it would be noted. She thinks it is important because the veterans are coming out strong and they may ask what business has been done with them in the past. It would be one area the proposed subcommittee would want to look at.

**Yoli Jones** volunteered to chair the legislative subcommittee to specifically rework on AB 7. There was a motion passed.

**Penny Marchell** seconds the motion.

#### **F. Update on setting up Teleconference Center**

**Floresto Cabras**, represented Frederick James, stated that the library is committed to pay for the first meetings in one year for the service for the conference calls. **Kenyatta** said that since there is no

specific update on the teleconference center, it will be tabled for next month's meeting. She said the Council needs to come up with more guidelines as far as how many times they can call in and be considered being present than being absent.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**James P. Lopez** said that he is the new representative for the Hispanic Business Roundtable.

**Jane Lee** announced the Nevada Minority Supplier Development Council's free HR workshop is on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She said it is a free class for any small businesses or start up businesses looking to grow and has HR needs.

**Kenyatta Lewis** said that MGM Resorts will be hosting the Women Leadership Conference on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. They will have speakers like Lee Woodrow of CBS and other great line of speakers will be there over a two day period. There will also be an expo area for women business owners. She also mentioned that Dillard's is having a fashion show.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned.

**VII. Next meeting date: Thursday, September 13, 2012, 8:00 a.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pueblo Room , Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89155**

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3. Regional Transportation Commission, 600 S. Grand Central Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89106
4. Clark County Aviation McCarran International Airport, 5757 Wayne Newton Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89119